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Suspects are to be sent to Crany Island (recently transferred from the Navy to the Treasury Department), under the supervision of Passed Assistant Surgeon Smith. Acting Assistant Moncure has been directed to report for duty at Crany Island.

August 2: Acting Assistant Surgeon Farquhar was directed to keep a lookout for persons from Hampton and Phœbus, sending any who might be discovered to Crany Island for detention.

Surgeon Wasdin telegraphs for the day ended August 1: Three new cases at the Home and 1 death, making in all 40 cases and 8 deaths. One suspicious case in Phœbus. House-to-house inspection of Phœbus is being conducted.

Governor Woodfin telegraphs: All favorable at the Home; Wasdin giving valuable assistance.

In response to Surgeon Vickery's request for immune physicians and nurses, Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf, Act. Asst. Surg. I. G. Tuten, and Acting Assistant Surgeon Fonde, 2 male and 2 female nurses, were sent him.

Surgeon White has arranged for the disinfection of all mail from the Home and from Phœbus, and the Post-Office Department for the disinfection of mail from Hampton and Old Point.

The Kensington Engine Works were requested to ship to Pettus at once 2 autoclaves and the medical purveyor was directed to ship him 2 carboys of formalin and 2 of formalin mixture for disinfecting.

August 3: On request the chief of the Revenue Cutter Service has directed the steamship *Windom* to proceed from Baltimore to Norfolk in order to transport supplies from Norfolk to Old Point by way of the *Jamestown*.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder ordered to Richmond for duty and Act. Asst. Surg. Frank Donaldson ordered to report to him, the two to inspect towns between Richmond and Newport News. Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson was ordered to Newport News and to report by wire to Surgeon White, and Assistant Surgeon Frick and Hospital Steward Kolb were also directed to report for duty to Surgeon White.

August 4: Surgeon Wasdin telegraphs that tents are being erected and by the 5th enough will be erected to accommodate 1,500 persons. The old soldiers will be moved into these and their quarters disinfected.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, July 23, 1899.*—I have the honor to report that on Tuesday of the past week there arrived on the Mexican Central Railroad a passenger from Tampico, Mexico. He was an employee of the Mexican Central Railroad, and his pass showed that he had been ten days absent from

Tampico. Having no certificate of disinfection, I disinfected his baggage here in a solution of bichloride of mercury 1-1000.

Very respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

*End of smallpox in St. Louis.*

ST. LOUIS, MO., *July 24, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that there were no new cases of smallpox and no deaths reported in this city for the three weeks ended July 24, 1899.

Respectfully, yours,

WM. G. STIMPSON,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

PORTO RICO.

*Establishment of a superior board of health.*

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *July 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of General Orders No. 91, in which Brig. Gen. Geo. W. Davis, military governor, establishes a superior military board of health for the Island of Porto Rico. The board is intended to direct the operations of the local military boards of health, carry on the internal sanitation of the island, gather vital statistics, etc., and make recommendations to the military governor upon health matters in general.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

[Inclosure.]

[General Orders No. 91.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PORTO RICO,  
*San Juan, Porto Rico, June 29, 1899.*

A superior board of health is hereby constituted for Porto Rico, the authority of which will extend throughout this department, and to which all local boards of health will regularly report.

The board will for the present be composed of 6 members as follows:

Maj. John Van R. Hoff, surgeon, United States Army, chief surgeon of the Department; Surg. Arthur H. Glennan, United States Marine-Hospital Service; Surg. F. W. F. Wieber, United States Navy; Dr. George G. Groff; Dr. Gabriel Ferrer; Dr. Ricardo Hernandez.

The chief surgeon of the department will act as president of the board and Dr. George G. Groff is appointed secretary and treasurer.

The office of the board will be at these headquarters, where its meetings will ordinarily be held, at such times as may be appointed. Four members will constitute a quorum.

The board will meet as soon as practicable to prepare regulations covering the scope of its work, which will be submitted to the department commander.

On and after July 1, 1899, the management and control of the insane asylum at San Juan, now under the charge of the Bureau of Education will be transferred to the superior board of health of Porto Rico, and the public funds allotted for the support of the asylum will be disbursed and accounted for by the treasurer of the board under its direction.

By command of Brigadier-General Davis.

W. V. HALL,  
*Adjutant-General.*